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By Representatives Appleton, Sells, Flannigan, Roberts, Haigh,
Dickerson, and Williams

1 AN ACT Relating to the role of the department of fish and wildlife
2 in the management of the state wildstock geoduck resource; and amending
3 RCW 79.135.220.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.135.220 and 2005 c 155 s 709 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) It is the responsibility of the department ((shall)) to
8 designate the areas of state-owned aquatic lands that are available for
9 geoduck harvesting by licensed geoduck harvesters in accordance with
10 this chapter ((79.90 RCW)).

11 (2)(a) It is the primary responsibility of the department of fish
12 and wildlife to:

13 (i) Identify commercial geoduck tracks;

14 (ii) Conduct all geoduck resource assessments and recovery and
15 mortality rate studies;

16 (iii) Set the total allowable catch limits for the harvest of
17 wildstock geoducks from state-owned aquatic lands.

18 (b) The department may not substitute information from sources

1 other than the department of fish and wildlife in determining
2 information designated as the responsibility of the department of fish
3 and wildlife by this subsection.

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